

Amendment: HE3

Representatives **BALLENTINE** and **COBB-HUNTER** propose the following amendment:

General Provisions

NEW

117.tsc. (GP: Transfer Student Credits) The Commission on Higher Education shall work in consultation with the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education and the public institutions of higher learning to implement policies to guarantee students who have earned an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree from a public two-year institution of higher learning shall receive a minimum of sixty transfer credit hours at a public four-year college or university and shall be given a junior status at the college or university.

Graduates covered under this agreement are defined as students who have:

(1) earned an Associate in Arts (AA) or Associate in Science (AS) degree from one of the 16 colleges within the South Carolina Technical College System (SCTCS),

(2) earned a grade of "C" or better in each course applicable to the AA or AS degree, and

(3) expressed intent to transfer to a public four-year institution.

Graduates from a South Carolina technical college will be granted admission to the public four-year institution and shall expect the following:

(1) students who have completed the AA or AS degree shall enter the public four-year institution with Junior academic standing and will have satisfied the public four-year institution's general education program requirements,

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(2) all transfer courses that are accepted by the public four-year institution will be applied to the attainment of the baccalaureate degree as appropriate to the student's major, and

(3) all transfer students must meet specific admission requirements for their desired major and must take junior and senior seminar courses.

The public four-year institution shall facilitate a reverse transfer option for South Carolina technical college students who enroll in their institution without completing the Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree. Upon successful completion of coursework and hours at the public four-year institution, credits earned at the institution may be transferred back to the originating South Carolina technical college and applied toward an associate degree. Course prerequisites and minimum credit requirements for awarding degrees shall still apply. Implementation of the provisions shall be effective no later than April 30, 2024.